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- 1) U.S. 4,330,707
- 2) U.S. 5,731,586
- 3) U.S. 5,093,572
- 4) U.S. 4,926,054
- 5) U.S. 6,590,210
- 6) U.S. 2001/0011702
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- 8) EP 0 333 018
- 9) JP 2002056794
- 10) DE 198 45 329

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DE 198 45 329 C2 is a foreign language document. The undersigned has been informed that DE 198 45 329 C2 corresponds to U.S. Patent 6,590,210 B1 which is listed above.

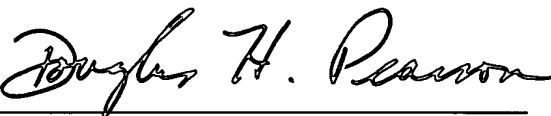
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